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"Cool Yule"

Old Hammondtown Presents Holiday Concert

By Kenneth J. Souza

One of the tell-tale signs that the holiday season is upon us is the prevalence of Christmas songs which permeate radio and television programming. But some people may find that those "traditional" yule numbers can become tired and somewhat repetitive ... unless they're infused with a sense of vitality that only school students can provide. And thanks to the teachers, staff, and students at Mattapoisett's Old Hammondtown School, those "traditional" Christmas songs were recently given a new lease on life.

Old Hammondtown School proudly presented two performances of its annual holiday concert this past week on Monday evening (December 16) at 7:00 pm and Tuesday morning (December 17) at 9:00 am. The holiday concert, titled "Cool Yule," began with opening instrumental numbers by both the Old Hammondtown Concert Band and the Old Hammondtown Jazz Band under the direction of Stan Ellis. Then the Old Hammondtown School Chorus, under the direction of Paula T. Roy, took to the stage for an updated version of holiday classics.

In the capable hands of Stan Ellis, the students who comprise the school's concert band and jazz band performed to peak-perfection this past week, proudly taking in the well-deserving applause after each number. The OHS Concert Band kicked things off with "White Christmas," "Sleigh Ride," and a stirring rendition of "I'll Be Home for Christmas." Then, the OHS Jazz Band took the spotlight for "Intermission Riff," "String of Pearls," "Centerpiece," and "Southern Exposure," the latter being a Latin number which had audience members tapping along in time.

Then came a brief intermission, after which the OHS Chorus filled the stage of the school auditorium to present modernized versions of holiday classics. As Director Paula T. Roy explained in her opening remarks, the audience was about to discover why the program was aptly titled "Cool Yule" this year. Using a blend of pop, rock and rap, Ms. Roy led the group through familiar numbers which were "jazzed up" for the occasion. Some of the highlights and performers included:

"Jingle Jingle Jingle" (Bell Ringers Kaitlin Hansen, Emma O'Donnell, and Amy Nahigyan); Dialogue (Jessica Turcotte-Shamski and Sarah Ketchel); Announcer (Amy Beiringer); Santa (Rebecca Mui); "New Elves on the Block" (Meredith Winn, Jessica Reilly, John Menezes, Muriel Carle, and Justin DeWalt); "Rappers" (Jessica Steele, Emily Johnson, Alex Pike, Kim Wall, Sarah MacBrien, Carolyn Canastra, Jane Zajac, and Ashleigh Robert); "Blue Christmas" (Kim Jones and Gloria McKinney); "Jingle Bell Rock" (Billy Holly and Mike San Juan with the Blue Notes: Ryan Hughes, Zachary Gauvin, Nick Gordon, and Erin MacBrien); "Reindeer Sisters" (Jordan Butterfield, Lindsey Butterfield, Elizabeth Valliere, Leanne Leake); "Winter Wonderland" (with Snow Surfers Ryan Jones, Padge McQuillan, Ryan Hughes, Justin DeWalt, and Drew Vickers); "Mr. Scrooge" (Kevin McCarthy); "Jingle Bell Twist" (with Tina Tinsel: Kristen Martin); "Mrs. Claus" (Maddie Elms).

Sound and lights were provided by Matt

On the cover: Students from the Old Hammondtown School Chorus, under the direction of Paula T. Roy, perform during their recent "Cool Yule" holiday concert this week. The concert also included members of the Old Hammondtown Concert Band and Jazz Band under the direction of Stan Ellis. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: A time-treasure from Ashley's Peach Orchard in Acushnet as featured in Spinner, Volume V: People and Culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. *(Photo courtesy of Ventura Family Collection and Spinner Publications).*

Holiday Deadline

Deadlines for the December 27 issue will be as follows:

Display Advertisements: Friday at 3pm (same)

News: Friday at 3pm

Classified Advertisements: Monday at 10am

There will be no issue published on January 3, 1997 so that our staff may enjoy the Holiday.

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Book Signing

New *Spinner Volume V* in Mattapoisett

By Kenneth J. Souza

The latest in a series of fine local history publications is now available — just in time for that special person on your holiday shopping list. Spinner Publications of New Bedford recently published *Spinner, Volume V: People and Culture in Southeastern Massachusetts,* and co-editors Marsha McCabe and Joseph D. Thomas will be in Mattapoisett for a book signing at The Opulent Owl this weekend.

According to the publication's foreword, it has been almost 17 years since the first volume of *Spinner* rolled off the press, and "still, our purpose hasn't changed." That purpose — as anyone who has read any volume in the fascinating series will tell you — is to provide a window back into the past in order to appreciate the culture and history which this area has to offer. From the once-thriving days of the textile mills in Fall River, to the whaling industry of New Bedford, and the agricultural industries of outlying towns, *Spinner* has managed to capture the essence of southeastern Massachusetts within its pages.

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Spinner Publications of New Bedford and The Opulent Owl gift shop of Mattapoisett will be hosting an author signing to celebrate the release of the *Spinner Volume V: People and Culture in Southeastern Massachusetts*. Marsha McCabe and Joseph D. Thomas will be signing special, limited edition cloth and paper copies from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 22 at The Opulent Owl, which is located at 33 County Road in Mattapoisett. Give the perfect gift this season and have the book inscribed this weekend. For additional information or questions, please call Spinner Publications at 994-4564.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 17, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were

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Selectman Michele C. Bernier and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectman Paul Lambalot was not present for the meeting.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the December 10 meeting and signing the treasury warrant for the week, the board unanimously voted to appoint William L. McIlmail of 24 Prospect Road and David A. Ellis of 30 Park Street as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) for the town's ambulance service. Both candidates have taken and passed their state Office of Emergency Medical Exams, are certified as EMT's, and were recommended for appointment by Police Chief James F. Moran.

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Chairman DeCosta noted the following holiday schedule for Town Hall:

• Friday, December 20 at 1:00 pm - Town Hall Christmas Party at the Mattapoisett Inn;

• Tuesday, December 24 - No Selectmen's meeting;

• Wednesday, December 25 - Town Hall CLOSED for Christmas;

• Monday, December 30 at 7:00 pm - Selectmen's Meeting;

• Wednesday, January 1 - Town Hall CLOSED for New Year's Day.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received an invitation to attend the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association's (MIIA) business luncheon on January 18 during the MMA conference. Chairman DeCosta said he and his wife would be attending.

The Massachusetts Highway Department next notified the town that repair work will be conducted on the North Street/Route 195 overpass as part of a district-wide project. The work will entail the cold planing and repaving of one-and-a-half inches of deck, the replacement of elastomeric joints in the median, the replacement of existing armored joints, the resetting of granite curb that is loose, replacement of missing steel curbing on median, and the application of epoxy coating

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The board received official notification from Town Clerk Lois Ennis that Cheryl Mallowes has resigned from the Mattapoisett Housing Authority. Ms. Adams noted that they've received several applications to fill two vacancies on the board, and they will be scheduling interviews with prospective applicants for the December 30 meeting.

Building Inspector Andrew J. Bobola next sent notification to the board that a Stop Work Order he recently issued to Arthur Harris Alden III for work being done on property located on Aucoot Road has been

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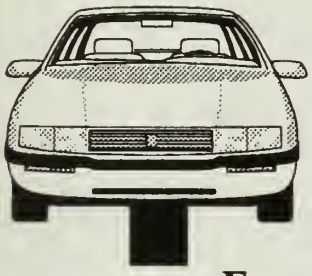

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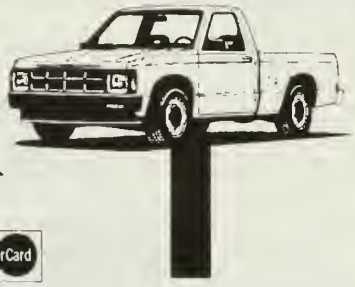

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The Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) next sent notification that *The Baywatchers' Report*, which outlines the first four years of data collected under the Citizens' Water Quality Monitoring Program is now available. The CBB would also like to schedule a meeting with the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen to discuss this matter further. Ms. Adams noted that in lieu of issuing "report cards" to area towns, the CBB this year wants to meet each board in person and discuss this report. The board will schedule a meeting with them on January 21, 1996.

Town Accountant Joseph Bolton next sent the board copies of two memos he recently sent to all town departments.

The first memo was to notify the various departments that effective Friday, December 13, they must submit weekly gasoline usage reports to Mr. Bolton's office. This change in procedure has been requested by the Board of Selectmen in order to more closely monitor the town's gasoline usage/requirements.

The second memo was regarding any "unforeseen

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WED	25	CLOSED — Happy Holidays!	
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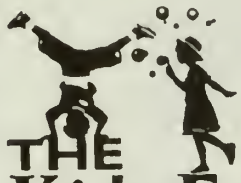

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expenditures" under the current operating budget for Fiscal Year 1997. Mr. Bolton would like departments to contact him by Friday, December 20 so that planning may begin for the next fiscal year.

The board then unanimously voted to sign a letter to State Representative William Straus and State Senator Marc Pacheco supporting legislation for the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply District which would allocate a portion of monies collected from water users to establish and finance a fund to purchase land which will be kept to protect the area water aquifer. The measure is also being supported by the Board of Water Engineers, and will hopefully garner similar support from Marion, Rochester, and Fairhaven.

A similar bill was previously proposed by the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Committee, but Chairman DeCosta said it died in the House.

Mattapoisett Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson said although the amount of the assessment hasn't been set yet, it has been estimated at about .25 percent per 100 gallons of water used. Based on Mattapoisett's average annual water usage, the town's contribution each year would then be about $3,800 — or about $1.55 per service/user each year.

At 7:30 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session and would return to regular session only to adjourn for the evening.

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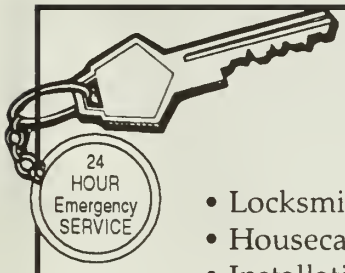

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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

December 16, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 16 at 5:30 pm by Chairman Everett L. Hardy Jr. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Robert J. St. Jean, and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

Ms. Miranda first informed the board that the Golf Realty Group had contacted her to schedule a meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 12:00 noon in Town Hall with Arthur Pugsley of MEPA.

The Board of Public Works (BPW) also wanted the Selectmen to attend their meeting on Thursday, December

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19 at 7:00 pm to discuss pending litigation between the town and a property owner. Chairman Hardy said he didn't feel the Board of Selectmen needed to get involved as the parcel in question is not on an accepted public way. "This is a Planning Board issue ... and I don't feel the (Board of Selectmen) needs to attend (this meeting)," he said. He added that he will contact BPW Chairman Rene Racine to let him know that they won't be attending.

Ms. Miranda added that the town's proposed Sexual Harassment Policy has been reviewed and approved by all town departments except for the Treasurer/Tax Collector's office. The board, therefore, unanimously voted to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy as submitted as long as the Treasurer/Tax Collector's office does not object to it.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from Cynthia L. (Burt) Knowles requesting that the Mason W. Burt School — which will be converted into a new senior center in 1997 — retain its existing name in memory of her uncle who died in World War I. Selectman Koczera said he didn't see any problem with keeping the name as-is, but the board unanimously voted to place this letter on file to consider at a later date and also voted to send a copy to the Council on Aging.

The board next received information from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) and a request to the meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Citizens Water Quality Monitoring Program. The board agreed to schedule a meeting with the CBB on January 27, 1997 to discuss this matter further.

Christopher J. Crowley next sent a request to the board to install street lights in Reservoir Estates, the new subdivision off Middle Road. Mr. Crowley will be moving into one of the five houses currently under construction and he felt it would be in the best interest of everyone if

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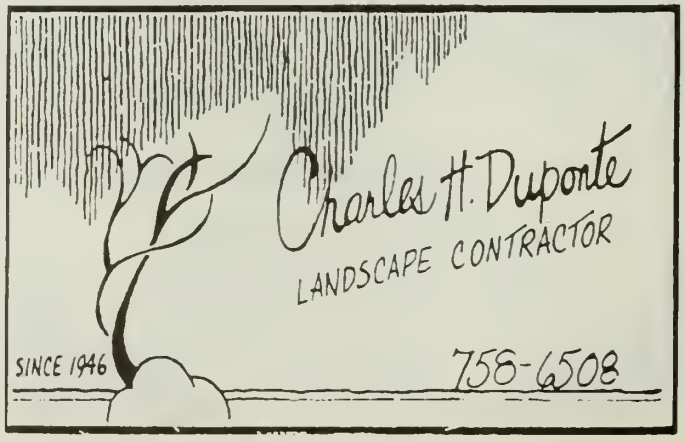
The board unanimously voted to send a letter to Mr. Crowley advising him that the Town of Acushnet currently has a moratorium on installing new street lights unless in an emergency situation. They also agreed to forward this matter to the Planning Board for their input.

Town Clerk Richard Threlfall next requested to meet with Chairman Hardy, Town Accountant Alan Coutinho, and Town Treasurer Lillian Garbaciak on Wednesday, December 18 at 10:30 am to discuss the town's selling of hunting and fishing licenses. Mr. Threlfall also wanted to clear up some overdue sales reports. Chairman Hardy said that he would talk to Mr. Threlfall about possibly rescheduling this meeting to Friday, December 20.

Ms. Miranda next noted that the town had opened sealed bids that morning for the publishing of the Annual Town Report. The town received bids from Irving Graphics of Walpole; William S. Sullwold Publishing of Taunton; Radical Solutions of Amherst; and Athol Press, Inc. of Athol. The board unanimously voted to award the bid to Irving Graphics of Walpole as the low bidder at $20.24 per page. The Acushnet Town Report averages from 90 to 100 pages, meaning the total cost would be between $1,821.60 and $2,024. Town Meeting voters appropriated $3,000 for the Town Report on April 22, 1996.

The board received a memo from EMS Chairman Adrienne Rivet regarding a recent request from the Safety Committee to place warning signals outside of the new EMS facility on Middle Road. Ms. Rivet noted that the EMS Building Committee felt it was too early to discuss placement of said signals. They would like to wait until the facility is built before installing traffic signs and/or signals. The board unanimously voted to put this matter



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on hold until the EMS Facility is completed.

The board next unanimously voted to re-appoint George H. Grew of Hathaway Road in New Bedford as a Constable for the Town of Acushnet.

Under New Business, Selectman St. Jean noted that he had received the fourth in a series of anonymous complaints from residents regarding articles which recently appeared in *The Providence Journal-Bulletin* about newly-hired Acushnet School Superintendent Harold Devine. Selectman St. Jean said that the articles suggest there may have been some "inside dealing" between Mr. Devine and members of the search committee.

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In another *Providence Journal* article dated November 27, 1996, Mr. Devine is quoted as saying he had "an inside track" for the Acushnet position. Residents are also concerned that the interim superintendent, Jack McCarthy, is a personal friend of Mr. Devine, who took over the same position in Swansea from Mr. McCarthy five years ago.

Selectman Koczera said he thinks the board should schedule a meeting with the School Committee to discuss the "alleged improprieties with the superintendent selection process." The board agreed to contact the School Committee, and Chairman Hardy said they may have to meet during the School Committee's regular meeting to allow them the opportunity to meet in Executive Session.

At 6:00 pm the board interviewed three prospective candidates for a full-time, permanent position with the Acushnet EMS.

The first applicant, Patrick J. Mentzer, is certified in CPR, First Aid, and is a Lifeguard Instructor. He is currently enrolled in Pre-Hospital Training and works at the Greater New Bedford YMCA.

Kevin Black has both law enforcement and medical background, and is looking for a full-time

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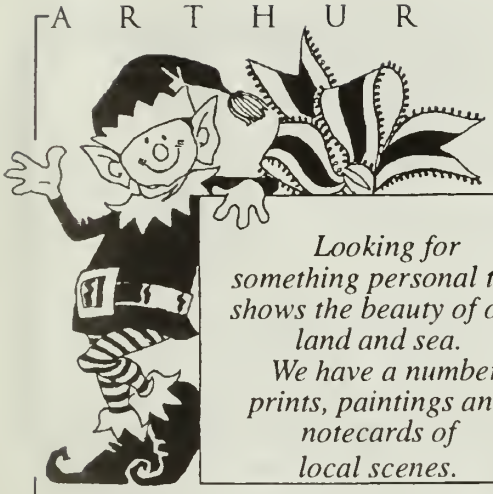

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position in either field. He has been licensed as an EMT for one year, currently works as a Reserve Officer in Mattapoisett, and will be applying for the next Civil Service Exam.

Lastly, the board met with Vivian Johns, who works as an LPN and in area nursing homes. She currently works part-time for the Acushnet EMS and would like to "grow into the job."

Chairman Hardy noted that they will take all three applicants under advisement and will make their final decision and appointment at their January 6, 1997 meeting.

Fire Chief Paul Cote next came before the board to discuss pending problems with the town's radio communications. According to Chief Cote, the town needs to start thinking about upgrading their communications frequency to UHF band. Currently, the town uses a low band frequency which picks up interference from computers and cordless phones.

"We need to apply for new UHF frequencies ... I'd like to apply for two groups of two frequencies ... which would cost $200 per frequency," Chief Cote said. The frequencies would be shared by the Fire Department, EMS Department, Dog Officer, and DPW, all of which would split the total costs involved.

Chief Cote said that he's looking at possible problems in the future if they stay with the current low band frequencies, which many hardware manufacturer's are abandoning. "My main concern is to get some new

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UHF frequencies before they're all gone," he said. "Once we get the frequencies, we can look at purchasing new radios and pagers."

Chief Cote estimated that the entire cost to switch over to the UHF system would be anywhere from $75,000 to $100,000. Selectman Koczera suggested they form a committee comprised of representatives from each town department to discuss each one's radio needs before spending money on the entire system.

The board approved Chief Cote's request to apply for the four frequencies at a total cost of $800. They agreed to schedule a meeting later to discuss purchasing the necessary hardware once the town is approved for the new UHF frequencies.

At 6:45 pm the board met with members of the Planning Commission to discuss recently-approved plans for land owned by Howard S. Plaud and Donald Sorelle. Last week, the Board of Selectmen had asked the Planning Commission to rescind their recent approval of these parcels until such time that Town Counsel can provide a ruling on the town's "retreat lot" by-law.

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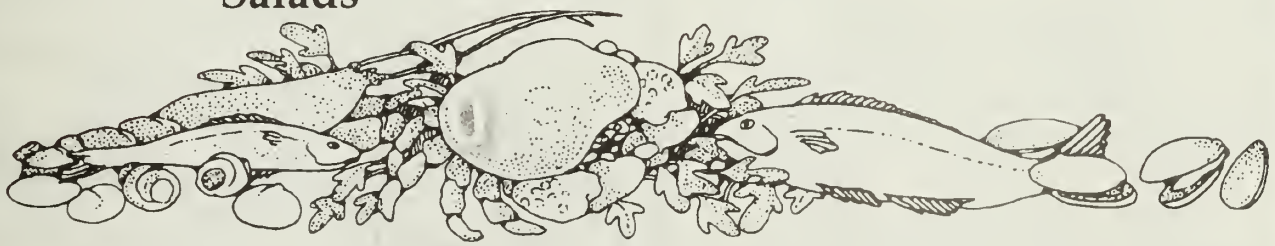

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Mr. Ellis went on to say: "I am sorry the Selectmen consider the (Planning) Commission's approval of these plans 'infuriating,' as recently stated in *The Advocate*. However, the Commission cannot make up new state law just because the Selectmen don't like something. Our actions have, in some cases, major financial implications to property owners. If these actions are contrary to state law, as the request from the Selectmen is, we unnecessarily expose the Town and the Members of the Planning Commission to future court action."

Though Selectman Koczera and Selectman St. Jean disagreed with some of Mr. Ellis' assertions, they agreed to proceed with looking into other zoning by-laws throughout the state regarding "retreat lots" and "common driveways," and agreed to meet again after the

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Fairhaven Selectmen's Meeting

December 16, 1996

By Jennifer J. Ouellette

A regular meeting of the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman John R. Roderiques on Monday, December 16. Also present were Selectman John T. Haaland, Selectman Robert T. Hamilton, Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch, and Secretary Jan St. Germain.

The first two appointments of the evening were Com/Electric hearings to install conduit locations on Center Street and William Street. No abutters were present to oppose the installations. The board, therefore, unanimously voted to approve the conduits at both locations.

The board took the appointments on the evening's agenda out of order, and next met with Fire Chief David Crowley, who wanted to discuss a fire watch with the board. Chief Crowley wanted to have a fire watch in the
AT&T training building for the three-week training period. Approximately 250 people will be training "in an area that is not sprinkler protected," Chief Crowley said. Chief Crowley proposed that the town have two firefighters on guard from 6:00 am to 12:00 midnight. The idea seemed to be an acceptable one — but a problem arose in response to billing AT&T. After the discussion, the board unanimously voted to contact Town Counsel to establish a proper procedure for payment.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Paul Craffey of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to discuss the abandoned Atlas Tack building. The building is highly contaminated and needs to be either cleaned up or torn down. However, the owners of the building do not want to pay for the building to be torn down or cleaned up, and neither does the state.

Unfortunately, the Town of Fairhaven is unable to afford the estimated $900,000 it could cost to tear the building down. The site also has several other problems besides contamination. Because the building is abandoned, it becomes an attractive site for kids. The site is also a fire hazard.

Chairman Roderiques stated that the town is faced with "a bad situation that is getting worse." Not only is it a hazardous waste site, but it is also a fire hazard he said. The town is still "actively" pursuing a lawsuit against the owners, Great Northern Industries, to get them to tear down the building or do something to make it safer.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

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• A $1,317.35 donation to the gift account. The money was recorded as the "town's share under the will of Gabriel Barboza;

• A letter from Chairman Young of the Council on Aging (COA) requesting the appointment of a member to fill an unexpired term. The board unanimously voted to appoint Audrey M. Guillum who was recommended for the position due to her familiarity with the job;

• A $20 donation to the gift account from the Council on Aging (COA);

• A $20 donation to the ambulance gift account from the Police Department;

• A request from Gary Ashworth to be appointed to the Recreation Commission. Selectman Haaland

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abstained from this vote because Mr. Ashworth is his campaign chairman. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Ashworth to one of the two vacancies;

• A notice from the Division of Marine Fisheries regarding several areas that are classified as prohibited to shellfish, including: the Acushnet River, Inner Harbor, Perryville Pond and Winsegansett Pond, northern and western mouth;

• A letter from the chairman of the committee on Commerce and Labor regarding legislation for the creation of a Southeastern Massachusetts Economic Development Authority. The board felt this would be interesting and promising. They decided to discuss the issue with Michael Almada, the Town Planner, when he came before the board later that evening.

The board also had an appointment scheduled at 8:30 pm with Police Officer Anthony Medeiros regarding the status report, and also at 8:45 pm with Steven Bogue to discuss the WBSM tower location.

Sports Shorts

By Pamela L. Sylvia

■ **Old Rochester Regional High School**

• Old Rochester Regional High School and Wareham High School have agreed to a **Basketball Highlight Day** at each school which will deviate from the normal schedule, according to Athletic Director **Joao Rodrigues**.

Each school will have a Basketball Day at their gymnasium. All the Wareham Basketball teams will visit ORR on Monday, December 23. The schedule will be as follows:

December 23 at ORR - 11:30 am: Freshman Boys; 1:00 pm: Freshman Girls; 2:30 pm: JV Girls; 4:00 pm: JV Boys; 5:30 pm: Varsity Girls; 7:00 pm: Varsity Boys.

Old Rochester Regional High School will travel to Wareham on January 20 to play the same schedule there.

• Also this week at **ORR**, a Freshman/Sophomore **Winter Track Meet** was held at Voc-Tech. **Bob O'Connor** tied the meet record with 5.8 in the 50, **Rory Apperson** did the 2 mile in 11:17, **Adam Cowell** did 5-8 in the high jump and placed third in the 50-yard dash. **Anthony Bucchere** also placed third in the 50 hurdles, and **Rory Ferguson** placed fourth in the 1,000 meter.

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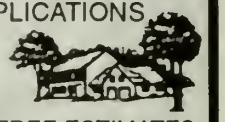

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Kaidi Stroud won the 1,000 meter for the **Girls Track** team with 3:05:1.

■ **Old Colony Regional Voke**

• Old Colony Regional Voke's Championship **Football Team** was honored at the annual **Gridiron Club Banquet** which was held on Wednesday, December 11. The Football Team, under the leadership of **Coach Kevin Gonsalves**, captured a third consecutive Mayflower League Small School Championship and berth in the Division 6 Super Bowl for the second year in a row.

The **Cougar Cheerleaders** were also recognized for an excellent season. The Cheerleaders were coached by **Valerie Gamble**.

The banquet was held in the school cafetorium beginning at 6:00 pm. The dinner was prepared by Old Colony's Culinary Arts Department. The Gridiron Club is a parent group which provides support to the Football Team and Cheerleading Squad throughout the year and is led by president **Arthur Gerard**.

• The Athletic Department at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently announced that eleven members of the school's championship **Football Team** were selected as **Mayflower League Division II All-Stars**. The 1996 Cougars were undefeated in league play and captured the division crown for the third consecutive year.

The players selected were: **Christopher Taylor** (Running Back, Acushnet); **Thiago Leonor** (Quarterback, Acushnet); **Jonathan Picard** (Tight End, Acushnet); **Ian Nielsen** (Defensive Tackle, East Freetown); **Jeremie Frey** (Defensive Tackle, Acushnet); **Richard Saucier** (Linebacker, Mattapoisett); **Earl Gauthier** (Linebacker, Acushnet); **Joshua Gerard** (Safety, Acushnet); **Michael Medeiros** (Offensive Tackle, Acushnet); **Joshua Vigeant** (Center, Rochester); and **Jesse Fortes** (Cornerback,

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The Cougar Football Team is led by head coach **Kevin Gonsalves**. Coach Gonsalves has led the team to a 12-0 record in the division over the past three seasons.

Sports Spotlight

Girls Basketball Team Eyes Tough Road Ahead

By Pamela L. Sylvia

Coach Glenn Gardner will gather the **Fairhaven Girls Basketball Team** to play three consecutive away games to begin the 1996-1997 season. But with the loss of three key seniors, he plans to just try to match last year's record of 12-10.

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Conference, Coach Gardner will look to experienced point guard **Melissa DeValles** to execute key plays. "She's one of the best point guards in the conference at getting the ball to people," Coach Gardner said. He believes his strongest position is point guard, so pressure will fall on DeValles' shoulders.

Besides DeValles, three other players return with varsity experience. But realistically, Coach Gardner knows he lost a major asset to graduation. "We lost a Dave Cowens Award winner (with) **Jill Cunha** last year," he said. But he will stress the fundamentals to get the girls into shape. "I first wanted to get the fundamentals down with the girls," he said. "Most of them don't touch a basketball during the off-season because they play other sports."

Even though their focus changes from one game to another, Coach Gardner believes strong defense and strong fundamentals will bring them back to the .500 mark this season.

Fairhaven opposes ORR for their first home game on December 30. According to Coach Gardner, most girls are already looking forward to the match-up. "In the last few years, a rivalry has begun between the two teams," he said. "I think the girls are already looking forward to it."

With more than eight years of coaching experience for two different teams, Coach Gardner will prepare his team both mentally and physically for a highly-anticipated season. But with not much size and the loss of key players, only time will tell how the season will end.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Menu

Editor's Note: While the local schools are on holiday vacation, the Coastline Regional Elderly Nutrition Program Menu will be listed here in the news section. It will return to the "Lunch Menu" page after the New Year.

- *Monday, December 23* - Beef strip steak with gravy, parslied noodles, spinach, oatmeal bread, canned pineapple.
- *Tuesday, December 24* - Roast turkey with gravy, whipped potato, garden blend vegetables, apple stuffing, dinner roll, cranberry nut cake.
- *Wednesday, December 25* - CHRISTMAS DAY (no meals

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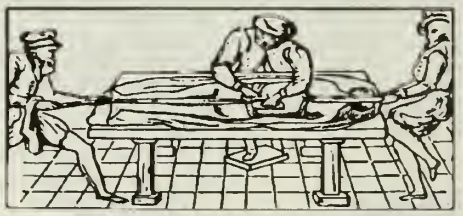

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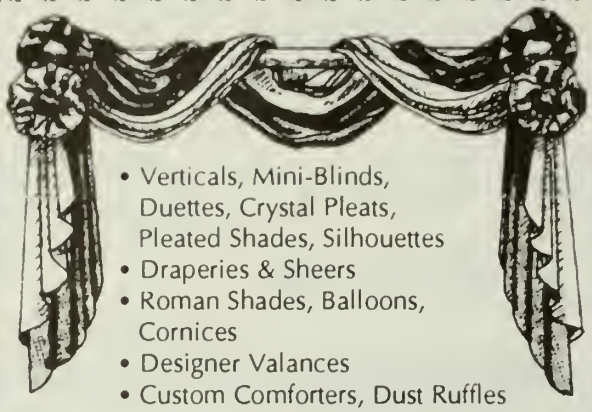

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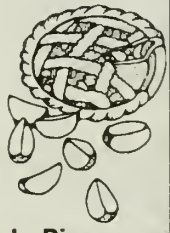

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing this open letter to Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Lambalot asking him to run for re-election to the Board of Selectmen.

Paul must, as should the voters of our special town, consider what election day — April 1, 1997 — could mean to all of us.

First, if the announced candidate Gil LaFrance is elected he would join the new Selectman, Michele Bernier, on a three-person board where the two newest members would have a total of one year of government experience. Believe me, experience counts!

Second, make no mistake, Michele Bernier and Gil LaFrance are part of a movement to forever change the landscape of Mattapoisett. Both were adamant in their support for the purchase of the Brandt Island (Nunes) property by the town. This was defeated at Town Meeting.

Just as adamant was their support and involvement in the private initiative to make drastic and restrictive changes in the town's zoning by-laws. If these changes, particularly the proposed increases in the minimum lot sizes, had been adopted, many new young families would be unable to afford moving to Mattapoisett. Fortunately this was also overwhelmingly defeated at Town Meeting.

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Mr. Lambalot, please take the initiative to run for re-election as Selectman providing your leadership and experience so all Mattapoisett citizens have a voice in the future of our town.

Sincerely,
Jim Huntoon, *Mattapoisett*

To the Editor:

The Echelon Hair Salon would like to thank all who gave so generously to our second annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We would like to extend a special thanks to Reed and Adam Herman for their outreach in the community, which yielded so much we were able to give the food to more than one deserving organization.

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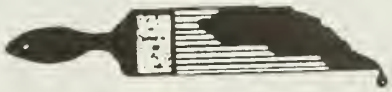

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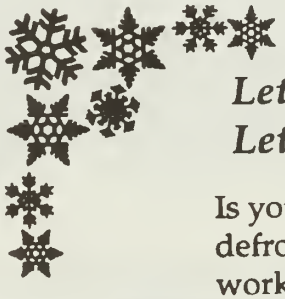

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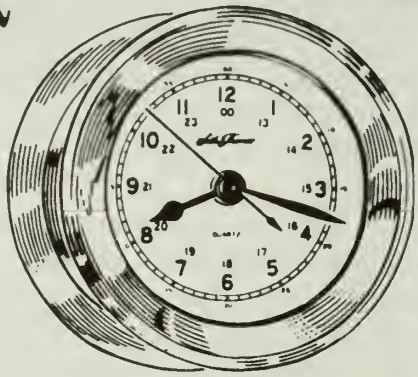

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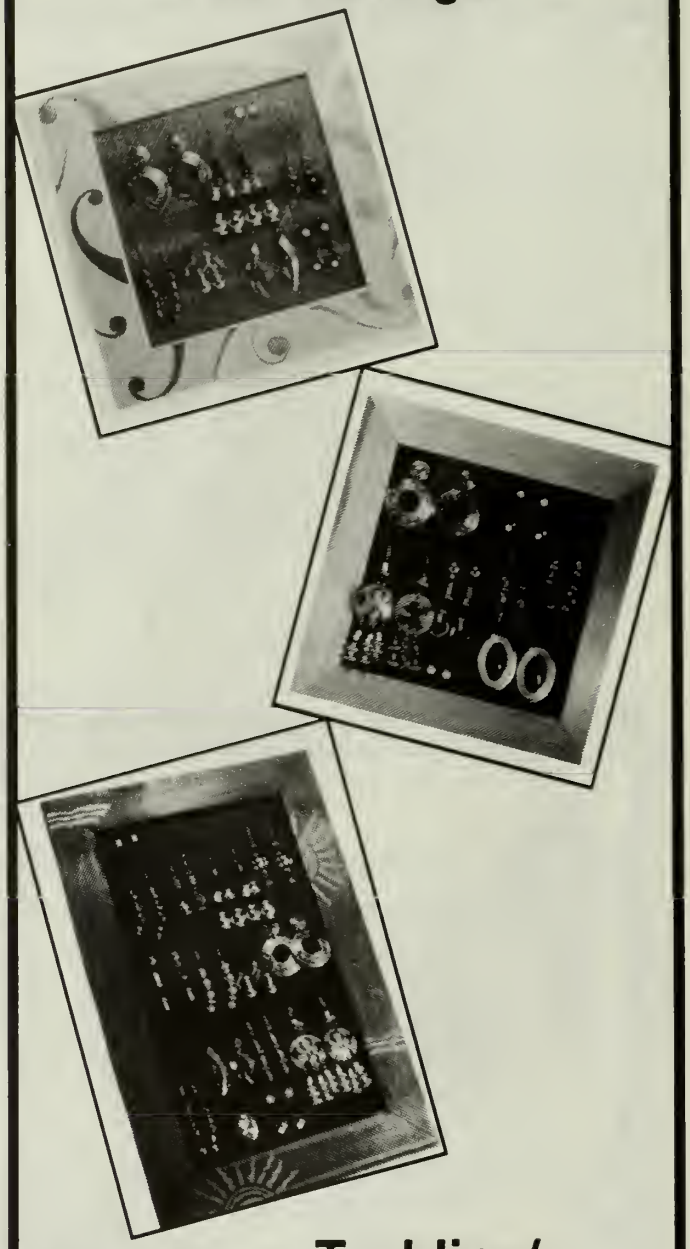

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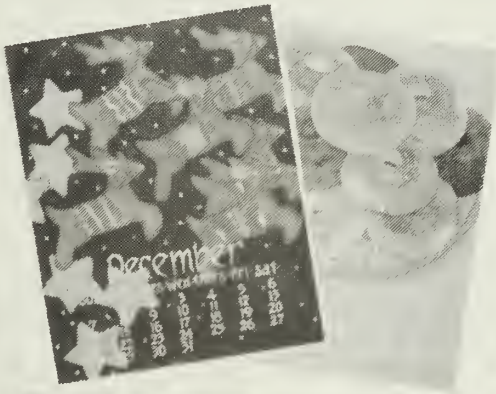

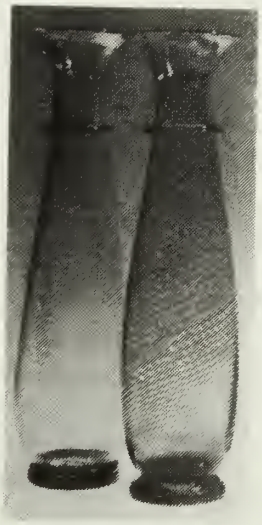

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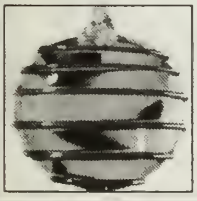

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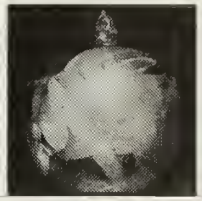

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Mattapoisett Man to Celebrate 104

If it's true that people whose birthdays fall close to Christmas get only half as many presents as the rest of us, then Casimiro Pina has missed out on a lot of presents.

As of December 25, in fact, it will be 104 years worth of presents. Mr. Pina was born on December 25, 1891 and he holds Mattapoisett's Boston Post Cane designating him as the oldest person in town. He has lived at the Mattapoisett Nursing Home since February of 1989.

A native of the Cape Verde Islands, Mr. Pina came to the New Bedford area when he was about 20, according to Patricia Arruda, Activity Director at the nursing home. He worked in the city's mills and never married, she said.

Beatrice Andrade, Mr. Pina's niece who lives in Rhode Island, is his closest living relative.

Ms. Arruda said nursing home residents will mark Mr. Pina's big day by singing "Happy Birthday" during their annual Christmas Party.

Rochester Board of Health

The Rochester Board of Health would like to remind Rochester residents that regular trash pick-up is on Friday. If a holiday occurs during that week, trash will be picked up on Saturday.

The Rochester Board of Health has also opened the percolation season for new construction. Please have

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Mattapoisett Rubbish/Recycling Schedule

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Marion Art Center

Exercise Classes

The Marion Art Center will begin the new year on January 6, 1997 by offering an exercise program on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Step Aerobics, and Body Sculpting will be offered in a fun, comfortable atmosphere. The instructors are highly motivational, AFFA-certified, and teach with safety being a priority.

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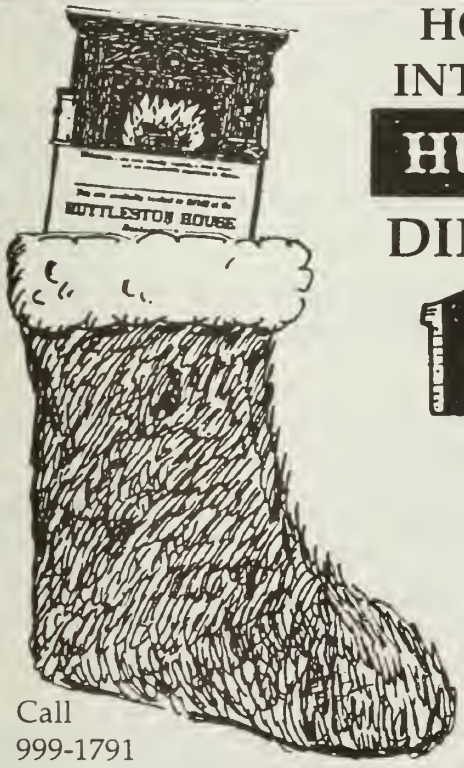

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will resume on January 7, 1997. Fees are $15 per half-hour of private lesson. Please call the MAC for information at 748-1266.

Mattapoisett Nursing Home Bazaar

The Mattapoisett Nursing Home will be sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 21 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will feature crafts and baked goods, plus a white elephant table of items.

Tri-Town 766 Meeting

Information will be available to assist parents in the planning, decision-making, and monitoring of their child's IEP. A Basic Rights 766 Workshop, presented by the Federation of Children of Special Needs and sponsored by the Project GROW Parents' Group, will be held on January 29, 1997 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the ORR High School Library. Anyone is invited to attend.

Ann Fitzgerald will conduct the workshop and a Parent Manual will be handed out. You must register in advance by calling Jane Awad at 758-4090. The snow date will be February 5, 1997. Deadline to register for this program is January 20, 1997.

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• *November 3* - Brandt Island Road (motor vehicle

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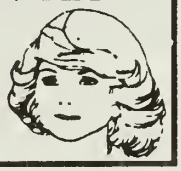

accident);
- *November 5* - Route 195 (motor vehicle accident);
- *November 6* - Route 6 (motor vehicle accident);
- *November 13* - Mattapoisett Nursing Home (false call);
- *November 26* - Route 6/Deerfield Terrace (motor vehicle accident);
- *November 27* - Acushnet Road/River Road (motor vehicle accident);
- *November 27* - Aucoot Road (motor vehicle accident);
- *November 30* - Brandt Island Road (controlled furnace fire).

Power Squadron Boating Course

Registration for the United States Power Squadron's Boating Course will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 1997 (January 21 in case of snow) at Old Rochester Regional High School on Route 6 near the Mattapoisett/Marion line in Room 111.

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Instruction is FREE, the only cost being for materials plus $5 to help defray the cost of classroom rent. Prices for materials, including sales tax, are as follows:

If you are starting from scratch, it's a good idea to purchase the Boating Course Kit for $26.50, which includes the student manual, a course plotter, and dividers. If you already have plotting equipment, you can purchase the student manual separately, priced at $15. If more than one member of your family takes the course, you'll need only one manual, but an extra set of homework questions for each additional family member ($4 per set). A practice chart and a piece of rope for practicing marlinspike costs an additional $3. The total cost if you have no equipment at all is $34.50 for materials and classroom rent.

For more information, please contact Dick Fearing at 748-1890, Gale Hudson at 758-6407, Ed Lewis at 758-3876, Bob Coburn at 947-4462, or Ralph Parker at 995-9204.

Rochester Door Decorating Contest

The winners of Rochester's annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest for 1996 were recently announced by the Board of Selectmen. The winners were: Betty Olival of 30 Clarke Court; Jill Szklany of 65 Vaughan Hill Road; and Susan McCombe of 366 Snipatuit Road. The winners received $20 gift certificates which were donated by Lloyd's Market, Dempsey's, and Donna's Cookie/Family Cleaners.

Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoisett

Christmas Gift Table

The "Friends" are maintaining a Christmas Gift Table at the Senior Center, Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:00 am and 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Numerous small gifts are available and also Mattapoisett sweatshirts depicting the seahorse, the lighthouse, and gazebo. They come in dark blue with white decal and are available in all sizes. The sweatshirts are reasonably-priced at $15 and

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Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be suspended for the holidays until January 6. Lee has taken the holiday weeks off. If anyone hasn't tried line dancing, this is a great form of exercise so come on out to the Senior Center in the Knights of Columbus Hall (Route 6 in Mattapoisett) at 1:00 pm on January 6. It is open to everyone and costs just

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If you identify with these goals and are considering gift giving, they would be most appreciated and put to good use. Gifts made during a person's life or as part of an estate plan are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. You do not have to be a member to give. All members and officers of the Friends are volunteers and receive no compensation — so 100 percent of any gift would reach its goal.

Fairhaven High School

"Good Citizen" Award

Congratulations are extended to Jennifer Tapper who was elected by the Senior Class to receive this year's DAR "Good Citizen" Award. The award is given to the member of the Senior Class who exemplifies the outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their school, home, and community.

International Club

The Fairhaven High School International Club recently hosted fourteen exchange students from southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This interesting group of students represented Japan, France, Mexico, Germany, Russia, and Sweden. They were welcomed at the annual International Pot Luck Supper, attended classes at FHS, and were invited guests at the Senior Class Dance. Each student was housed at the home of a club member.

The International Club would like to thank Ms. Leon, Ms. Kaner, Mr. Medeiros, Ms. Fennell, the Senior Class, and all host families.

Principal's Leadership Award

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NYC Cultural Day

On Friday, December 6, 80 French and Spanish language students from Fairhaven High School journeyed to New York City for a day touring the historical sites and experiencing cultural attractions. The group visited the United Nations, Rockefeller Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and dined at either "La Bonne Soupe," or "Costa Del Sol," depending on their culinary preferences. A special thanks to trip organizer, Foreign Language Department Chairperson Eileen Girard.

Marion Conservation Commission

On Wednesday, November 18, the Marion Conservation Commission voted to change the night of Commission hearings from Wednesday to Thursday nights. This change is necessary as some of the

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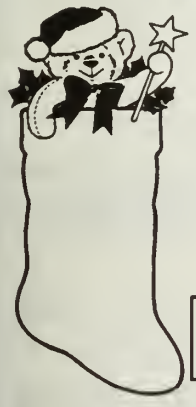

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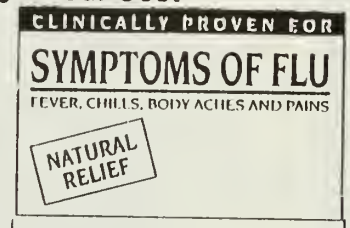

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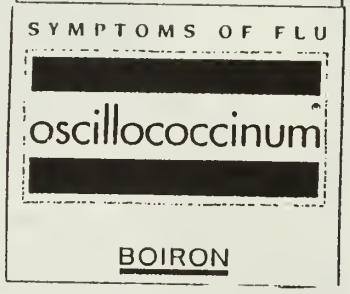

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Mattapoisett Historical Coverlet

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Library Hours

The Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Wednesday from 10:00 am to 5:00; and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The library is closed on all major holidays.

Health Information Grant

The Plumb Memorial Library was recently awarded a federal Health Information Grant, which will allow them to provide new library materials on health and healing, as well as provide programs to all age groups. New books and videos have been ordered and are arriving daily on all aspects of physical and mental

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Internet Access

The Plumb Memorial Library is now providing FREE access to the Internet during regular library hours. Users may reserve time, or use it on a first-come, first-served basis. All users need to sign a user agreement form, and those under 18 need a parent's signature. There are all kinds of information out there, so why not come in and "surf the net"? Free Internet access is made possible by Ultranet.

Heavenly Holiday Fair Auction

Recipients of the Silent Auction at the Heavenly Holiday Fair recently held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church are as follows:

Silver Bowl: Lois Ennis; Laundry Gift Certificate: Sue Shallies; Advent Calendar: Peg Olney; Tea Set: Jessie Reilly; Watercolor Painting: Lois Ennis; Cross Stitch Picture: Marcia Dupont; Bible: the LeBlancs; Dessert Set: Donna Brasseur; Christmas Figures: Lois Murray; Wedgwood Set: Evelyn Pursley; Demitasse Set: Nancy Perry; Afghan: Ruth Cree; Amethyst Necklace: Lois Murray; Harbor Watercolor Painting: Nancy Hanna; Lighthouse Painting: Miriam Moore; Boat Bag: Robin Mayo; Crystal Glassware: Liz Field; Three Chairs: Beth Kelley.

Acushnet Historical Commission

The Acushnet Historical Commission is seeking a new Associate Member. The candidate should have a strong interest in local history, and be prepared to give several hours per month in volunteer commission activities. The Associate Member would be expected to attend all commission meetings (every third Monday at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall), would participate in discussion but would have no vote, and would be given preference in consideration for the replacement of a regular member. If interested, please call 763-2488 to make an appointment for an interview.

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- Tuesday, December 31 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm;
- Wednesday, January 1 - CLOSED;
- Thursday, January 2 - 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm.

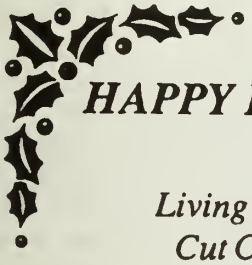
Adoptable Animals

The local chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. would like to thank those who have responded to their plea for donations to help with their recent undertakings to spay and neuter in several sites to fail propagation. They are still a long way from reaching their goal, but will begin this task very soon.

The group had another successful Adoption Day last Sunday at Denise's Pet Care Center in Mattapoisett, but they still have several adult cats waiting to be adopted into loving homes. They include:

A black and white short-haired female with four double paws; an all-black long-haired male who doesn't like to be around other cats; a one-and-a-half year old long-haired tiger with four double paws and her daughter, a nine-month-old short-haired tiger with double paws; a long-haired one-year-old calico; and a four-year-old calico.

In the dog category, remember the Fairhaven Animal Shelter if looking for a family pet dog. The



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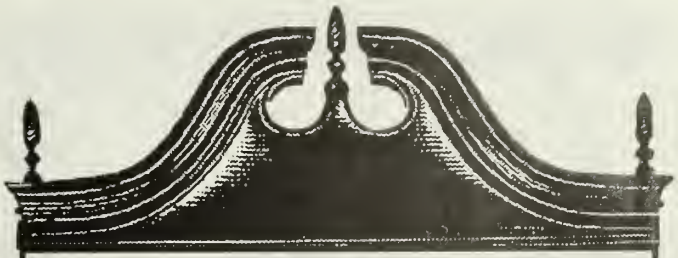

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A three-year-old female golden retriever; a one-year-old English sheep dog cross (a real cutie); an eight-month-old lab cross puppy who loves kids and other animals who is up-to-date on all vaccinations and has tested negative for heartworm.

The group also has two litters of five-week-old kittens which will be available for adoption after the holidays.

If interested in any of these animals, please call one of the local Animal Umbrella representatives (unless otherwise noted):

- Mary Lou at 758-9202;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Carolling

Tinkhamtown Chapel Carolling will be held on Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This is a very special holiday event that has been a tradition in Mattapoisett for as long as we can remember. The chapel offers a quaint and lovely atmosphere with its lamplights and pot belly stove. Everyone is invited to join in the carolling. Children who are interested in singing with their friends in the choir or who would like to share a favorite holiday poem or instrumental should call Kate

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Buzzards Bay Habitat for Humanity

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc., an affiliate of Habitat International, was started in July, 1995 and serves the towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Wareham. After a fifteen-month period of building the foundations of the organization, the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity received approval of its application for affiliation from Habitat for Humanity International on December 4, 1996.

Habitat is not a give-away program. A family selection committee chooses homeowners on the basis of the level of need, the ability to repay a mortgage, and willingness to become partners in the program. Through volunteer labor, including "sweat equity" hours of the potential homeowners and tax-deductible donations of funds and materials, Habitat is able to build homes for much less than commercial builders. The homes are sold at cost (no profit, no interest) and BBAHH issues a no-interest mortgage over a fixed period. Mortgage terms discourage quick subsequent sale profit. Low housing costs reduce financial worries and home ownership builds pride and family dignity.

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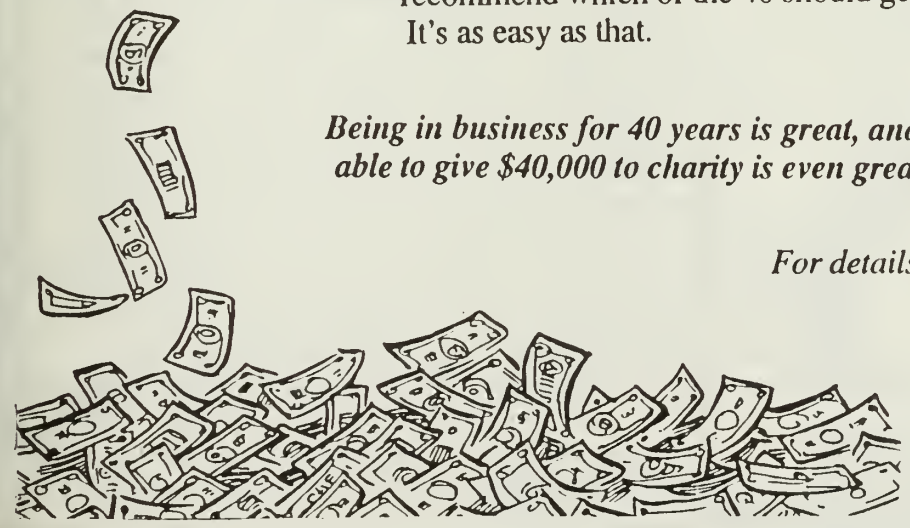

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Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is now set to work on the goal of building the foundations of its first house in June, 1997 and is actively searching for donated or low-cost land. If you have any information concerning any available site in the six-town area, please call the group at 984-1712, or write: Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 652, Marion, MA 02738.

YGRR Calendars Still Available

Give a "golden" present to someone special this holiday season. Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue (YGRR) calendars are still for sale at the following locations: Fairlane Golden Retrievers in Fairhaven; Denise's Pet Care Center in Mattapoisett; the Yuppy Puppy in Mattapoisett; the Mattapoisett Animal Hospital; Unique Images Emporium in Marion; and Best for Less Pet Supply in Wareham. You can also obtain a calendar by calling 758-6066.

ORR School District

Good Citizen Award

Kathleen Aleardi of Mattapoisett has been named the 1996 DAR Good Citizen at Old Rochester Regional High School. The Good Citizen Award is presented to a member of the senior class who has demonstrated leadership, citizenship, dependability, and patriotism. Three seniors are nominated by the faculty and the good citizen is selected by the senior class. The other seniors nominated were Stephanie Whitehead and Kelly Wicker As the DAR Recipient, Ms. Aleardi is eligible to compete for the DAR scholarship.

Throughout high school, Ms. Aleardi has been actively involved in every area of the school community. She has served as class secretary for three years, student council secretary for two years, and has been a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Last year, Ms Aleardi was a delegate to Girls' State and received the Harvard Book Award. She has played soccer and basketball for four years and been a three-year member of the spring track team. This year, Ms. Aleardi will serve as a captain in all three sports. Next fall, Ms. Aleardi plans to attend college.

Drama Club

Due to an overwhelming response to the Drama Club this year (nearly 70 students appeared at the first meeting), it has been decided that each grade will produce its own play. Ms. Anne Gonzalez, who is well-known for her involvement in community theater, is directing this band of enthusiastic, young thespians.

The winter play, which is already in rehearsal, will be Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Performances are planned for January 10 and 11. Parent support for these ambitious productions is badly needed. If you can help, especially in the areas of set construction, publicity, and costumes, please contact Ms. Gonzalez at the school.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Financial Aid Night

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School has scheduled its Financial Aid Night for Parents on Tuesday, January 7, 1997. The program will run from 6:30 until 8:00 pm and will include a review of the State and Federal Financial Aid Forms. These are the forms which are used to determine eligibility for grants, guaranteed student loans, and work study programs. Also included in the program will be information on additional educational loan programs, local scholarships, and the college application process.

Grant Proposals Approved

Old Colony Regional Voke's grant proposals for fiscal year 1997 were approved by the Department of Education. The Title VI Funds totalling $5,119 will provide membership to the Southeastern Automated Libraries (SEAL) Computer Network. This will allow all of Old Colony's students to have access to area libraries.

The Eisenhower Math/Science Funds will be used to train math, science, and vocational instructors in any areas pertaining to their subject matter. Vocational instructors will be trained in the areas of integrating math and science into their shop or related shop programs.

The final grant proposal awarded to Old Colony was the Curriculum Study Group. The funds will be used to continue the study of Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and its relationship to Old Colony's

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Student Government Day

Two Old Colony Regional Voke students will be participating in the 50th Annual Student Government Day. David Dos Santos, an Acushnet resident, and Travis Edminster, a Freetown resident, will be representing Old Colony on Friday, April 4, 1997 at the State House in Boston.

Students will be selected to run the State Government for one day. The purpose of the program is to give students a hands-on approach to learning about our State Government. The Student Government Day is sponsored by the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Sexual Harassment

Old Colony Regional Voke's ninth grade students recently participated in a workshop on Sexual Harassment. The presentation was conducted by the Department of Education's Gender Equity Counselors and Coordinator, Rosemarie Hrubi. Ms. Hrubi and the Counselors led group discussions on numerous issues including: defining harassment, differentiating between harassment and flirting, and reporting procedures. Workshops for upperclassmen are scheduled for mid-December.

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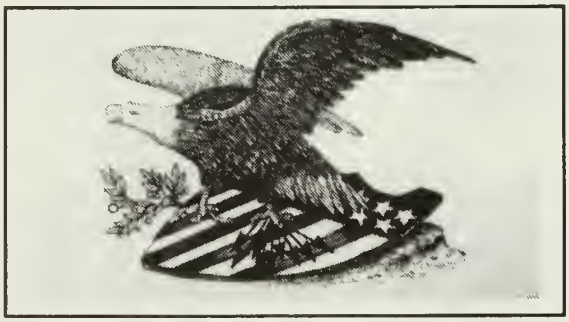

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Tim Burton invades Hollywood with satirical *Mars Attacks!*

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ *Mars Attacks!* Starring Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, and Pierce Brosnan. Directed by Tim Burton. Running time: 102 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

The first third of *Mars Attacks!* moves like molasses uphill in January. Major stars show up, mostly playing broad caricatures, and the audience chuckles politely, like the studio audience during a bad *Saturday Night Live* sketch. My heart sank as I thought, "Man, does this suck." But stick with it. *Mars Attacks!* has a very slow fuse, but once it goes off, director Tim Burton hits his stride. The Martians land, and you can hear Burton cackling "Welcome to Earth — now go kill everybody!"

Mars Attacks! has been called both a spoof on last summer's bloated sack *Independence Day* and an affectionate homage to the cheerful sci-fi of the '50's; it's worth noting that Burton's previous film was *Ed Wood*, about the notoriously inept director of *Plan 9 From Outer Space* (whose hubcap UFO's are spoofed here). More than anything, though, it's a comedy of destruction — Tim Burton's version of Steven Spielberg's *1941*.

There really is no plot. The ramshackle script (by Jonathan Gems) sets up a dozen characters, ranging from the President (Jack Nicholson) to a clerk at a donut shop (Lukas Haas), who are all defined in terms of their response to the Martian visitors. Burton assembles an all-star cast and then blithely kills off half of them. Up yours, Hollywood! At times, the movie plays like a successful director's revenge trip against the studio moguls who want him to deliver another *Batman*.

The Martians, designed to duplicate the invaders in Topps' *Mars Attacks!* trading cards of the '60's, are like E.T. redrawn by Bart Simpson. Their heads are grinning skulls topped by big, squishy brains; to be blunt, their heads look like testicles. It's fitting that we almost get wiped out by the only species more warlike and phallic-minded (the polite term) than we are, and Burton is at his funniest when the Martians are zapping away like brats playing a video game.

He's at his worst with the human actors. Burton has never known what to do with everyday people (see Kim Basinger in *Batman)*; here, he encourages everyone to ham it up. Nicholson is relatively restrained as the President, but he also plays another role, an oily Vegas land developer, and goes way over the top in a fake nose that makes him look like Sonny Bono. Actors like Danny DeVito, Rod Steiger, and Glenn Close (as the First Lady) seem too aware that they're doing this as a goof.

Pierce Brosnan comes through. Playing some bleeding-heart egghead who believes we can learn from the Martians (think Robert Cornthwaite in 1951's *The Thing)*, he acts with perfect pipe-puffing seriousness and gets his laughs effortlessly. Brosnan also has Burton's best funny-surreal moments when he's a disembodied head making goo-goo eyes at Sarah Jessica Parker, whose own head has been grated onto ... never mind.

Such moments make you forgive whatever's wrong with the movie. *Mars Attacks!* isn't the psychotic cartoon many of us hoped for; the first third is dead. But the last two-thirds are very much alive, and very much Tim Burton. It's as if he'd started making *Independence Day* and then burned it to the ground.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ **CINEMA 140**
376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (December 20) through Thursday (December 26)

My Fellow Americans* (PG-13) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Sat-Mon: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00; Wed: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Thu: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15
Jerry Maguire* (R) – Fri: 5:30, 7:00, 8:15; Sat-Mon: 12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15; Tue: 12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:45, 5:30; Wed: 5:30, 8:15; Thu: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15
Space Jam (PG) – Fri: 5:00; Sat-Tue: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Wed: 5:00; Thu: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) – Fri-Mon: 7:00; Wed/Thu: 7:00
Set It Off (R) – Fri-Mon: 9:30; Wed/Thu: 9:30
Scream* (R) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Sat-Mon: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00; Wed: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Thu: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15
Mars Attacks!* (PG-13) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Sat-Mon: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00; Wed: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Thu: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15
Michael* (PG) – Wed: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Thu: 12:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

No discount coupons or passes accepted for these shows. Bargain Matinees before 6:00 pm through January 6, 1997.

■ **GENERAL CINEMA 8**
Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141 / Office: 999-3142.

Friday (December 20) through Monday (December 23)

Jingle All the Way (PG) – 12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10
Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) – 1:00, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10
One Fine Day (PG) – 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30
101 Dalmatians (G) – 12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
Ransom (R) – 7:10, 9:40
Beavis & Butthead (PG-13) – 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:20
The English Patient (R) – 8:10
The Preacher's Wife (PG) – 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Daylight (PG-13) – 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10

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First Congregational Church - Marion

The First Congregational Church, located at 28 Main Street in Marion, invites the community to their special events during the Christmas season.

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ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 9 through December 15, 1996:

- Middle Road – alarm holdup (banks)
- Mendall Road – hunting violations
- Boylston Street – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Diane Street – personal threats
- Robinson Road – humane calls/injured animals
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Porter Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- South Main Street – harassment
- Whelden Lane – domestic disturbance/summons issued (violation of prevention order)
- South Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Gammons Road – shot fired
- Main Street – adult arrest (breaking and entering into motor vehicle, larceny over $250, possession of Class D substance)
- Jean Street – vagrancy
- South Main Street – suspicious investigation
- James Street – domestic disturbance
- South Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Wing Road – adult arrest (equipment violation, operating with suspended license, carrying a dangerous weapon, to wit: brass knuckles)
- Roosevelt Street – harassment
- Main Street – harassment
- Cheshire Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Robinson Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Northfield Place – vandalism
- Main Street – summons issued (operating with suspended license, giving false name to police officer, speeding)
- Wing Lane – humane calls/injured animals
- Mary Drive – offenses against the family
- Gammons Road – humane calls/injured animals
- Arrow Lane – suspicious investigation.

FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 10 through December 16, 1996:

- Bay Street – domestic violence/adult arrest (assault and battery)
- Bridge Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Wal-Mart – adult arrest (shoplifting, warrant)
- Bay Street – vandalism
- Green Street – suicide attempt
- Bryant Lane – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 6 – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, speeding)
- Spring Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Deane Street – vandalism
- Main Street – assault
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Park Avenue – adult arrest (warrant)
- People's Way – vandalism
- Spring Street - family offenses
- Prince Street – annoying phone calls
- Paul Street – vandalism
- Bridge Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (warrant)
- Main Street – adult arrest (unnatural acts)
- Alden Road – vandalism
- Middle Street – larceny
- K-Mart Plaza – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Linden Avenue – larceny
- Bridge Street – larceny
- Howland Road – disorderly conduct
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Huttleston Avenue – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Alden Road – adult arrest (warrant, larceny by check)
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (operating uninsured motor vehicle)
- Davis Street – protective custody
- Main Street - disturbance/gang
- Davis Street – domestic violence
- Middle Street – adult arrest (restraining order violation)
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Magnolia Avenue – domestic violence
- Magnolia Avenue – adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic violence)
- Route 6 – intoxicated person
- Huttleston Avenue – vandalism
- Sunset Lane – annoying phone calls
- Route 6 – motor vehicle accident/personal
- Sconticut Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Bellevue Street – assault
- River Avenue – disturbance/gang
- Cushman Park – burglary/breaking and entering
- Plaza Way – larceny
- Middle Street – breaking and entering/dwelling
- Sycamore Street – annoying phone calls.

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 8 through December 14, 1996:

- Route 195 West – larceny/in progress
- Mansfield Avenue – breaking and entering/past
- Spring Street – vandalism/past
- Bullivant Farm Road – annoying phone calls
- Wareham Road – larceny/in progress
- Pinewood Drive – family disturbance
- Mill Street - suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – suspicious person
- Wareham Road – annoying phone calls
- Spring Street – protection order issued
- Planting Island Road – suspicious activity
- Moorings Road – vandalism/past
- Quail's Crossing Road – missing person
- Front Street – hunting violation
- Oakdale Avenue – suspicious activity
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (warrant, assault with intent to murder, armed robbery)
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- Spring Street – runaway
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Wareham Road – found property.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 10 through December 17, 1996:

- Beechwood Road – illegal hunting
- Marion Road – vandalism
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious activity
- County Road – larceny by check
- County Road – larceny by check
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Pearl Street – suspicious activity/persons
- Main Street – simple threats
- Evergreen Street – suspicious activity/persons
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Marina Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Water Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Stacey Circle – illegal hunting
- Acushnet Road – domestic disturbance/drunkeness
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Harbor Road – domestic disturbance/drunkeness.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 10 through December 17, 1996:

- Pauline's Way – alarm
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mendall Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – suspicious activity
- High Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Vaughn Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – suspicious activity
- Rounseville Road – civil complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – hunting
- Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Plumb Corner Market – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Neck Road – breaking and entering
- Hartley Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Neck Road - larceny
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Plumb Corner Market – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

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The traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 7:30 pm in the church. A special Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 pm in the church on December 24.

Worship services at the First Congregational Church are held at 10:00 am every Sunday. Nursery care is provided. Children in Kindergarten through High School can attend the opening portion of the worship service before leaving for Sunday School classes in the Community Center.

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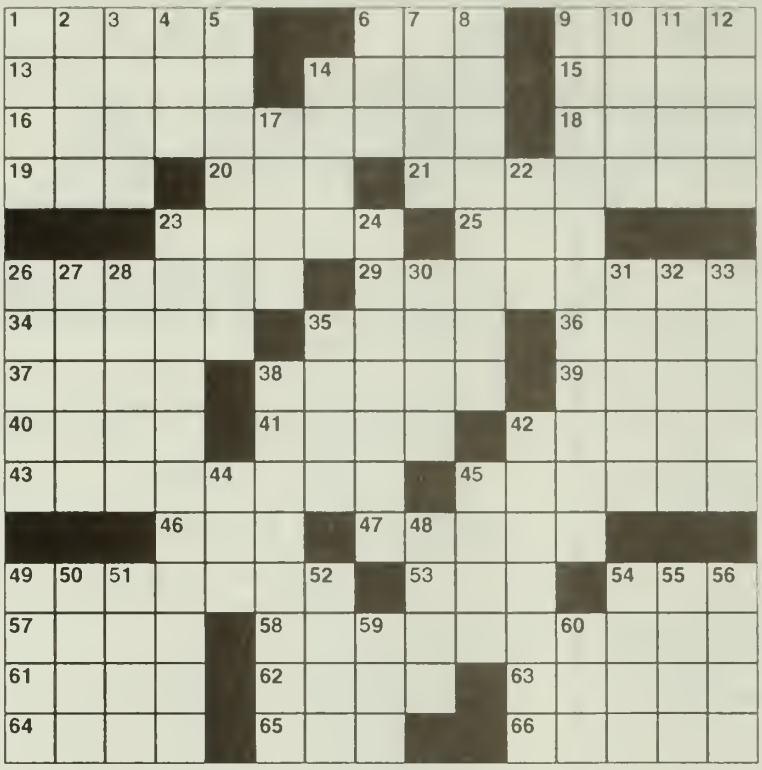

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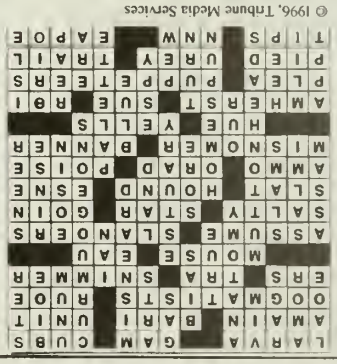

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). The home fires beckon. Spend as much time as possible with friends and loved ones. Later you'll be anxious to hit the road.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Don't panic and buy a bunch of stuff you don't need. Your neighbors will help you juggle your busy schedule and get everything done on time.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You're in high speed, so you'll get lots done. You'll be gathering and disbursing treasures. Manage your resources wisely, while enjoying yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Finish old business. Go through your lists and check off a bunch of stuff. If you're cooking, your friends and family are in for a fabulous feast.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Your partying schedule is intense. It may be hard to get anything else done. You'll be racing around, taking care of loved ones' wants.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be bustling trying to keep an older person on track. Do your best, but don't worry too much about it. Party hearty without stop.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Travel to visit old friends. Go along with an older woman's agenda. Just relax and let her run the show.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may have to take out a loan to get everything you need. There's lots of travel on your agenda.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An argument sharpens your wit and sparks your interest. Your generosity abounds. Don't get yourself too far into debt.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be working your fingers to the bone. That's OK; you'll get to relax soon. Somebody you know will be taking good care of you — and vice versa.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Discuss plans for the future with your sweetheart. Everybody who has anything that needs assembly will call on you to help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a heavy-duty party week for you. Start by fixing up your place. You'll be so much in love you won't care about anything else.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Learn to manage paperwork and you'll never worry about it again. Also, write your memoirs.

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Bingo will be held on Monday and Wednesday after lunch. Scrabble will be played every Tuesday from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

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Shopping trips will take place on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 am.

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A Blood Pressure clinic is offered every Wednesday at 9:00 am.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of John McGrath, 27 Marion Road, Assessor's plan 8 lot 1. Petitioner is seeking a 1 1/2' variance under Section VIII B of protective bylaws. Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Charles Wolf, Chairman, 12/20, 12/27.

LEGAL NOTICE

Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its Private Roads to Public Traffic on Friday, December 27, 1996.

Signed:Board of Directors
Antassawamock Club, Inc.
Mary E. Conley, Secretary, 12/20, 12/27.

NOTICE OF AUCTION

DeCoffe Automotive Service, 2 County Rd., Rt. 6, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 (508) 758-2153. Auction of lien property on December 31,1996 at 9:30 AM. 1983 Toyota Celica Hatchback Serial # UINJT2RA64L976165410. 12/06, 12/13, 12/20.

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
INVITATION TO BID

The Marion Board of Selectmen invites sealed bids for sewer system rehabilitation. The work of this contract includes rehabilitation of portions of the Town of Marion's existing wastewater collection system in the Lewis Street area, as well as on Front, Vine and Hiller Streets. The work includes, but is not limited to, cleaning, testing and chemical sealing and smoke testing of existing sewers. The contract time for completion of the work shall be sixty (60) calendar days.

Contract documents may be examined and/or obtained at the office of Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc., Ten Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142. Contract documents are available for examination at F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co., 24 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA. A deposit of $50.00 in cash or check payable to the Town of Marion will be required for each set of the contract documents. A refund of the deposit will be made for documents returned in good condition within thirty (30) days after the bids are received. Bidders

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requesting contract documents by mail shall include an additional non-refundable check payable to Camp, Dresser & McKee in the amount of $20.00 per set to cover costs of handling and mailing. Each bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of thirty (30) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the bids. The successful bidder must furnish a one hundred percent (100%) construction performance bond and a one hundred percent (100%) construction payment bond with a surety company acceptable to the Town of Marion. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of the contract shall be in full compliance with section 39M inclusive of Chapter 20 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised. Wage rates for this project are subject to the minimum wage rates as per M. G. L., Chapter 149, sections 26 to 27G inclusive, as contained in the project manual.

Sealed bids marked "Sewer System Rehabilitation" will be received at the Selectmen's office, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 until 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman
Marion Board of Selectmen. 12/13, 12/20.

He's Back...

This week and every week to follow we are hiding the aardvark in *The Wanderer* once again. For those of you not familiar with this practice, here's how it works. Each week we hide a little aardvark (shown above, actual size) somewhere in the newspaper (not counting the aardvark above). If you find him (or even if you don't) you can send in a postcard with your name, address, and phone number to the address below to enter our Aardvark Drawing! This week we are giving away an "I found the Aardvark" lapel pin. Send entrees to: Aardvark, P.O.. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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SHINE Coordinator

The SHINE Coordinator will be available at the Acushnet Senior Center on Thursdays for a walk-in appointment between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Hope Street. All are encouraged to join the group.

Health Sessions

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Center Closings

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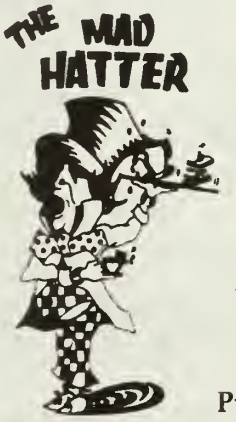

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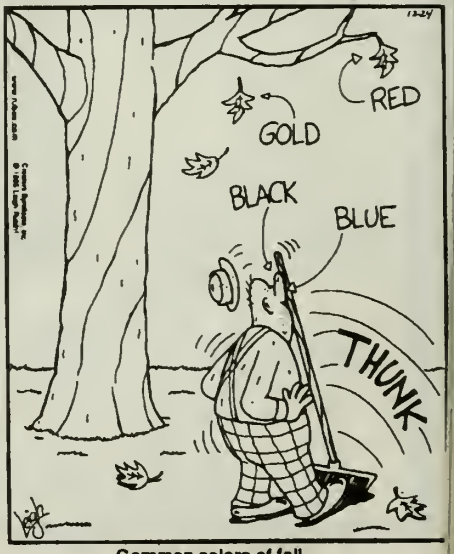

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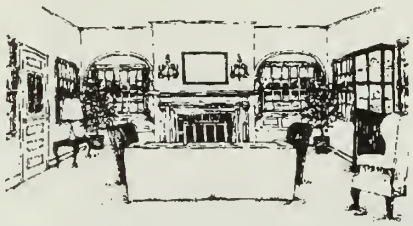

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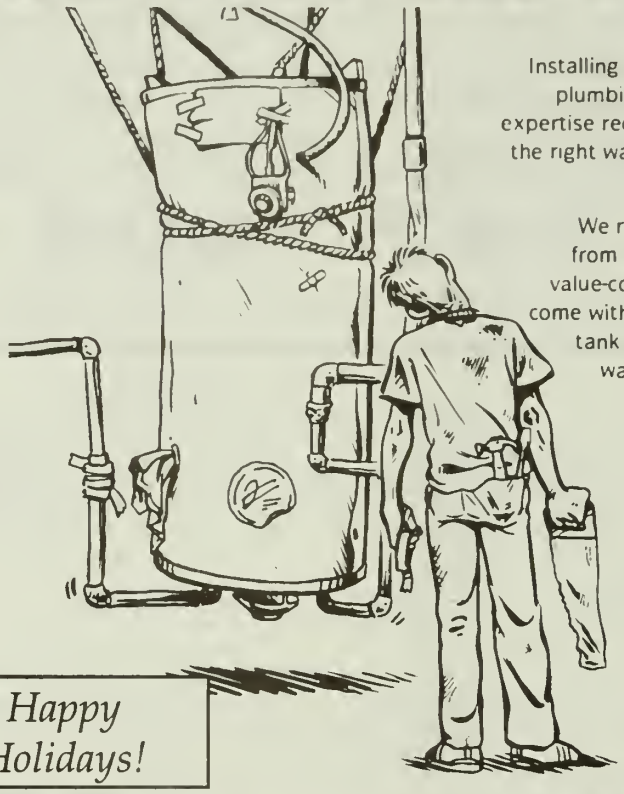

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December 21:	Sat.	4:52	5:15	11:31	11:18
December 22:	Sun.	5:42	6:03	12:17	. . .
December 23:	Mon.	6:28	6:48	12:02	12:56
December 24:	Tues.	7:12	7:32	12:41	1:30
December 25:	Wed.	7:54	8:15	1:16	2:00
December 26:	Thur.	8:36	8:57	1:51	2:29
December 27:	Fri.	9:17	9:39	2:24	2:58
December 28:	Sat.	9:58	10:22	2:59	3:29
December 29:	Sun.	10:40	11:07	3:35	4:03
December 30:	Mon.	11:23	11:54	4:14	4:40
December 31:	Tues.	. . .	12:10	4:56	5:21
January 1:	Wed.	12:47	1:05	5:47	6:12
January 2:	Thur.	1:40	2:00	6:44	7:05
January 3:	Fri.	2:35	2:56	7:48	8:04
January 4:	Sat.	3:30	3:52	8:56	9:06
January 5:	Sun.	4:22	4:45	10:01	10:07
January 6:	Mon.	5:13	5:37	11:01	11:04

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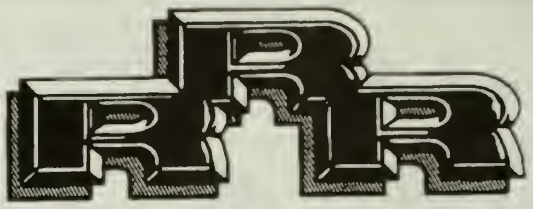

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